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Chairman: Mr. Chowdhury ..... (Bangladesh)
Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: Mr. Mselle

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The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m.

Agenda item 116: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (*continued*)

Agenda item 121: United Nations common system (*continued*) (A/32/30; A/C.5/52/22)

1. **Mr. Mselle** (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions), presenting the oral report of the Advisory Committee on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC), said that the Commission's recommendations were submitted directly to the General Assembly for its review, and the Advisory Committee had normally confined itself to reviewing the administrative and financial implications of Commission decisions and recommendations. The total financial implications for the common system were $2,434,890 per year. The financial implications for the United Nations regular budget were estimated at $795,480 per year, but would be $1,471,800 for the biennium. That amount would be reviewed by the Secretary-General in the context of the recosting of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999, to be considered before the end of the regular session.

2. Should the General Assembly accept the recommendations of the Commission relating to the United Nations, the financial implications would be approximately $1.5 million. The extent to which additional requirements would arise would be considered in the context of the Secretary-General's report on the recosting of the programme budget proposals for the biennium 1998-1999.

3. **The Chairman** said that the Advisory Committee's recommendations on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations of ICSC would be considered in informal consultations.

4. He drew the Committee's attention to the allocation to it (A/C.5/52/1/Add.2) of agenda item 160, entitled "Admission of the International Seabed Authority to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund", and to a letter from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/52/27) requesting the Fifth Committee to take up on a priority basis upon receipt of the Advisory Committee's report, the financial and budgetary implications, as contained in document A/52/303, of the recommendations contained in the Secretary-General's report on the reform programme (A/51/950).

5. **Mr. Mselle** (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) said that the Advisory Committee's report would be available by the end of the week.

6. **The Chairman** said that the Committee appreciated the Advisory Committee's efforts to make the report available for its consideration.

The meeting rose at 10.30 a.m.